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POLAND: More Demonstrations Ahead

Tensions continue to build as the second anniversary of Solidarity's establishment approaches. [REDACTED]

Underground Solidarity leader Bujak yesterday called for mass demonstrations on Tuesday. He noted the union might suffer if no major show of strength occurs. [REDACTED]

The regime, meanwhile, is working hard to intimidate the populace. Yesterday it announced completion of a Polish-Soviet military exercise and the strengthening of security forces in the militant cities on the Baltic. Polish television announced that police had arrested 108 demonstrators in Lodz, about 110 kilometers southwest of Warsaw. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] estimate protests in the next several days will rival those staged in mid-May. They also expect the regime will be able to keep demonstrations under control. [REDACTED]

Pravda on Thursday published an overview of the internal situation in Poland that focused on the slow economic and social recovery there and blamed the persistence of "bourgeois ideology" and "revisionists" in the private sector. The article ends on an uncertain note, however, foreseeing a continued "difficult struggle" in Poland. [REDACTED]

Comment: The publication of such an article suggests Moscow is concerned about what may occur in Poland next week and wants to prepare the Soviet public for any eventuality. The reference to "bourgeois" and "revisionist" remnants underlines Soviet frustration at the persistence of worker opposition. In the coming week, the USSR is likely to highlight economic sanctions and other alleged Western interference in Polish affairs and to signal support for the martial law regime's efforts to maintain stability and control. [REDACTED]

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